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# Tools and Apps from AVPreserve

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2. For the selection of the media, it is recommended to use the one that has passed the life expectancy test = ISO/IEC10995, ISO/IEC16963. This recommendation is stated within ISO/TR17797: Electronic archiving-Selection of digital storage media for long-term preservation.
3. Good error or bad error? How do users know the data is good or bad? These values are clearly defined in ISO/IEC29121, and the error rate can be measured by using an error checking device. The initial occurrence value and the value during storage can be known by using this device.

### JVC's Approach

Our approach is to provide end users with a disc archive solution that meets ISO/IEC29121 guidelines and which tells you what error rate would be suitable for archiving. Moreover, the turnkey solution, whatever the company size is, can be easily implemented into any workflow.

**Figure3: Ideal Archiving Operation Using Optical Discs.**



1. **Dedicated Media:** Up to now, users have had to rely on what manufacturers say about the lifetime expectancy. For improved transparency of the claims, JVC makes use of ISO/IEC10995 life expectancy tests conducted by an independent lab. Overall characteristics and raw materials are uniquely designed and tuned up for long-term archiving.
2. **Dedicated Drive:** As explained, the drive plays an important role in disc archiving = continually achieving the ISO-defined error rate. The special drive optimizes recording quality with the ISO certified discs.
3. **Error Checking Device:** This is developed for complete error management from the writing stage to migration. Understanding error rate means understanding your data condition. Safety values are defined in ISO/IEC29121, and users can easily understand the condition of the data and estimate the migration timing.

As you can see, optical discs may not be suitable for back-up of ultra-huge data; however, this would be a useful solution if the project size and tier of the archive process are considered. Writing quality = safety level and migration timing are supported by ISO standards, and this mechanism will contribute to users' transparent archiving activities. The data condition is no longer invisible.

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## Tools and Apps from AVPreserve

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**AVCC** — A free, open-source Web application developed by **AVPreserve** and funded by **Library of Congress**, **METRO** (<http://metro.org/>) and **AVPreserve**. AVCC is focused on enabling collaborative and volunteer-driven efforts to inventory and describe AV collections in order to gain the intellectual control necessary to make decisions about collection management and obtain funding. Data entry is controlled to promote quality, and there are several built-in reports and graphs that make it easy to get key metrics and documentation. <http://www.avpreserve.com/tools/avcc/>

**MediaSCORE/MediaRIVERS** — A free, open-source media preservation prioritization Web application created in collaboration between **AVPreserve** and **Indiana University**. MediaSCORE (Media Selection: Condition, Obsolescence, and Risk Evaluation) enables a detailed analysis of degradation and obsolescence risk factors for most analog and physical digital audio and video formats. MediaRIVERS (Media Research and Instructional Value Evaluation and Ranking System) guides a

structured assessment of research and instructional value for media holdings. <http://www.avpreserve.com/tools/mediascore-mediarivers/>

**Catalyst** — a new solution developed by **AVPreserve** to perform large-scale, item-level inventories of AV collections with increased quality, value, oversight, and optimization of resources. Images of items are used to enable remote description, quality control, and collection management. Taking advantage of automated processing and minimal datasets, even a small team can work through hundreds or thousands of items a day. Catalyst data can be exported to generate reports for preservation planning and selection, or to become the basis of a finding aid or more complete catalog record. <http://www.avpreserve.com/tools/catalyst-inventory-software/>

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ing whether files have been added, moved, renamed, changed, or removed. Fixity can be used with any files. <http://www.avpreserve.com/tools/fixity/>

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